

Zilwaukee City Council Meeting
April 7th, 2014
Zilwaukee City Hall

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Eugene Jolin

Members Present: C/Boese, C/Bohnsack, C/Comstock, C/Luplow and M/Jolin

The clerk offered the invocation and pledge

A motion was made by Bohnsack and supported by Boese to accept the minutes of the March 3rd, 2014 meeting. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Luplow made a motion to approve the bills for the month of March. Bohnsack supported the motion. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none.

A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Comstock to approve the agenda. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Audience Participation

Larry Nowaczyk – 208 S Franklin – Complimented the Fire Department on their quick and professional response to an emergency run. He is proud to be a retired firefighter from the City.

Jean Owen – 4305 Sherman – Concerned about the increase in flood insurance. She mentioned that many homes remain unsold because of the projected increase. She asked the City to look into getting some relief.

Alicia Flynn – Colonial Dr – Flood Insurance – She is looking into buying a home in Zilwaukee but cannot afford the flood insurance. The mayor responded that the City Administrator is working with the government agencies on this. It was suggested that letters be written to our legislators and congressional representatives.

Ed Maschke – Millington – Addressed the parking issue on his rental property at 319 Franklin.

Norm Burke – 619 S Adams – Flood Insurance – Mentioned that credit unions have three different options in purchasing flood insurance.

Thad Gatza – 480 W Bush – Asked if the city could put a proposal together allowing UTV vehicles to operate within the city. He also asked if the city had a leash law for dogs. He is concerned about the speeding on Bush St.

Vanessa Warren – Gave an update on the riverfront improvements – DEQ has requested more information – She mentioned that it looks like we have submitted everything asked for and if the permit is issued the construction should begin in June.

Department Heads

Police Dept – Chief King – The Chief gave a report on the incidents handled by the department during the month of March. The department attended a table top exercise dealing with active shooter responses and the participation of non-law enforcement agencies such as fire departments and ambulance services. The chief along with the administrator and the clerk have finished with a proposed fireworks ordinance. He also attended the school which was a motivational talk to the students on succeeding in life. He is working on any updates to the emergency plan corresponding to the county's emergency plan.

Fire Department – Asst Chief David Inman – Asst Chief reported on the runs handled by the department for the month of March. Training for the month was held jointly with Carrollton and Kochville fire departments on ice/water rescue at the boat launch. The department is acquiring bids for desired equipment. All fire department hoses will be tested this month by Fire CATT.

DPW Superintendent – Eric Mahan – The force main was shut down for installation of air-relief valves. All pump stations were serviced. He is working with Potter Consulting and the Sewer and Water team on the sanitary system. The department purchased a new lawn mower and are working on assessing street repairs.

Public Hearing – Consumers Energy Franchise

A motion was made by Comstock and supported by Luplow to open the public hearing. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. There being no public comment a motion was made by Luplow and supported by Bohnsack to close the Public Hearing. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

AGENDA

2nd reading Consumers Gas Franchise Ordinance

The clerk gave the second reading of the Consumers Energy Gas Franchise Ordinance. A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Boese to adopt the ordinance. The motion passed: Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Fireworks Ordinance 1st Reading

The Clerk gave the 1st reading of the proposed Fireworks Ordinance. There will be a public hearing at the May 5th meeting to consider the adoption of the ordinance.

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Planning Commission Resignation

Thomas Luplow has submitted his resignation from the Planning Commission. A motion was made by Luplow to accept Mr. Luplow's resignation. The motion was supported by Boese. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none.

Jason Boguslawski has applied for the Planning Commission. Bohnsack made a motion to appoint Mr. Boguslawski to fill out the term of Mr. Luplow with term expiring June 30th, 2014. The motion was supported by Luplow. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Flow meter purchase

The Administrator is recommending up to \$18,000.00 for the purchase of flow meters to monitor water infiltration to the sanitary sewer system. A motion was made by Luplow and supported by Boese to allow up to \$18,000.00 for the purchase of the flow meters. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

National Pattern Tax Abatement Request

National Pattern has submitted a request for a personal property tax abatement in the amount of \$181,582.00 for equipment installed during the month of October 2013. A motion was made by Boese and supported by Bohnsack to postpone the tax abatement request to National Pattern until the May council meeting. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin. Voting nay: none

Comstock made a motion to adjourn and was supported by Boese. The motion passed. Voting aye: Boese, Bohnsack, Comstock, Luplow and M/Jolin

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard C. DeLong, Clerk